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Amendment A: CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 1 - 20 (canceled). Please cancel Claims 1 - 20 and substitute Claims 21 - 38 therefor as follows:

21. (new) A dental tool apparatus comprising:

a case;

a first cleaning tool pivotally mounted in said case so as to be movable between a first position within said case to a second position extending outwardly of said case; and

a second cleaning tool pivotally mounted in said case so as to be movable between a first position within said case to a second position extending outwardly of said case, said first cleaning tool having a lever member extending outwardly of an end of said case when said first lever member is in said first position, said second cleaning tool having a lever member extending outwardly of said end of said case when said second cleaning tool is in said first position, said lever member of said first cleaning tool being angularly offset from said lever member of said second cleaning tool.

22. (new) The apparatus of Claim 21, further comprising:

a third cleaning tool pivotally mounted in said case so as to be movable between a first position within said case to a second position extending outwardly of said case.

23. (new) The apparatus of Claim 21, said first cleaning tool and said second cleaning tool being in side-by-side relationship within said case in said first position.

24. (new) The apparatus of Claim 21, further comprising:

a closure member pivotally connected to said case, said closure member movable between a covering position covering said first and second cleaning tools within said case and an open position allowing said first and second cleaning tools to move from said first position to said second position.

25. (new) The apparatus of Claim 24, said closure member retaining at least one of said first and second cleaning tools in said second position when said closure member is in said covering position.

26. (new) The apparatus of Claim 25, said first cleaning tool having a flap extending outwardly of a surface thereof, said closure member having a surface abutting said flap when said closure member is in said covering position.

27. (new) The apparatus of Claim 21, said case having an abutment member extending thereacross, said lever member of said first cleaning tool contacting said abutment member when in said second position.

28. (new) The apparatus of Claim 21, said first cleaning tool having a notch formed on a surface thereof, said surface of said closure member received within said notch when said closure member is in said covering position.

29. (new) The apparatus of Claim 21, said first cleaning tool being a tongue scraper, said second cleaning tool being a toothpick.

30. (new) The apparatus of Claim 29, said tongue scraper having a blade at an end thereof and a plurality of truncated tubes extending outwardly of a surface thereof adjacent said blade.

31. (new) The apparatus of Claim 21, said case having an axle extending thereacross, said first and second cleaning tools being pivotally mounted coaxially on said axle.

32. (new) A dental tool apparatus comprising:

a case;

a tongue scraper pivotally mounted in said case so as to be movable between a first position within said case to a second position extending outwardly of said case; and

a first toothpick pivotally mounted in said case so as to be movable between a first position within said case to a second position extending outwardly of said case.

33. (new) The apparatus of Claim 32, further comprising:

a second toothpick pivotally mounted in said case so as to be movable between a first position within said case to a second position extending outwardly of said case, said first toothpick having a different configuration than said second toothpick.

34. (new) The apparatus of Claim 32, further comprising:

a closure member pivotally connected to said case, said closure member movable between a covering position covering said tongue scraper and said first toothpick within said case and an open position allowing said tongue scraper and said first toothpick to move from said first position to said second position.

35. (new) The apparatus of Claim 32, said tongue scraper having a blade at an end thereof and a plurality of truncated tubes extending outwardly of a surface thereof adjacent said blade.

36. (new) A dental tool apparatus comprising:

a case having an interior volume;

a first cleaning tool pivotally mounted in said case so as to be movable between a first position within said case to a second position extending outwardly of said case;

a second cleaning tool pivotally mounted in said case so as to be movable between a first position within said case and a second position extending outwardly of said case; and

a closure member pivotally connected to said case, said closure member movable between a covering position covering said first and second cleaning tools within said case and an open position allowing said first and second cleaning tools to move from said first position to said second position.

37. (new) The apparatus of Claim 36, said closure member retaining at least one of said first and second cleaning tools in said second position when said closure member is in said cover position.

38. (new) The apparatus of Claim 37, said first cleaning tool having a flap extending outwardly of a surface thereof, said closure member having a surface abutting said flap when said closure member is in said covering position, said first cleaning tool having a notch formed on another surface thereof, said surface of said closure member received within said notch when said closure member is in said covering position.